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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF JUNE 1 SCHEDULE

1. DONALD LITTON (CAB) HAD SEVERAL CORDIAL MEETINGS IN WEEK MAY 19--THREE WITH DAC SUAREZ AND COURTESY CALLS ON COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE COLONEL LEORO AND FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES. IN THE LATTER CALLS LITTON REVIEWED IMMEDIATE AND LONG RANGE CIVIL AVIATION PROBLEMS AND EXPLAINED THAT EVENTS WOULD MOVE EITHER IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER COOPERATION OR INTENSIFIED FRICTION. NONE OF THE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM LITTON MET GAVE ANY INDICATION THAT THEY WERE SEEKING OR PREPARING FOR AN INTENSIFICATION OF CIVAIR PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, IT WAS APPARENT THAT DAC SUAREZ WAS THE CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL'S DESIGNATED AGENT FOR HOLDING INFORMAL SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH LITTON.

2. THESE TALKS FAILED TO RESULT IN AN AGREEMENT TO APPROVE THE BRANIFF SCHEDULE WITHOUT CHANGE. IN THEIR FINAL MEETING ON MAY 23 SUAREZ CLAIMED THAT THIS AUTHORITY DID NOT GO BEYOND APPROVING THE BRANIFF SCHEDULE WITH CERTAIN QUOTE MODIFICATIONS UNQUOTE IN ROUTINGS WHICH WOULD ALTER IT SUBSTANTIALLY. HE GAVE LITTON THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY DISPOSED TOWARD AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE DAC AND THE

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CAB WOULD PROVISIONALLY APPROVE THE JUNE 1 BRANIFF

AND JUNE 3 ECUATORIANA SCHEDULES PENDING CONSULTATIONS
IN WASHINGTON JUNE 9 AT WHICH TIME THE LARGER ISSUES
OF FREQUENCY AND CAPACITY, OPERATING PERMITS AND
NEW YORK RIGHTS WOULD BE DISCUSSED. HE SUGGESTED THAT
LITTON WOULD HAVE TO PURSUE THE PROBLEM WITH HIGHER UPS,
COLONEL LEORO OR DEFENSE MINISTER ALMEIDA.

3. CHARGE HAS BROUGHT FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES UP TO DATE
ON THE LACK OF A SOLUTION AND HAS BRIEFED DIRECTOR OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FONMIN IN DETAIL ON CURRENT PROBLEMS.
COLONEL LEORO HAS AT LAST COME ACROSS WITH AN APPOINT-
MENT FOR 4P.M. MAY 29. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE
MAY WISH TO HAVE HIS EXPERTS AND ADVISORS PRESENT. WE
REALIZE THAT THE MATTER IS COMING DOWN TO THE WIRE AND
THAT THIS WILL BE A CRITICAL MEETING.
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